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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS AND CHRISTOFIDES VISITING LONDON

1. FCO HAS JUST LEARNED FROM CYPRUS HICOM THAT MAKARIOS IS RETURNING TO LONDON EVENING NOVEMBER 14. HE IS EXPECTED TO GO TO GREECE FOR TALKS WITH KARAMANLIS AND CLERIDES BY ABOUT NOVEMBER 23.

2. MAKARIOS' RETURN OVERLAPS WITH SCHEDULED ARRIVAL HERE OF FONMIN CHRISTOFIDES AND FINMIN PATSALIDES SAME DAY. SINCE CHRISTOFIDES AND PATSALIDES ARE SCHEDULED TO SEE FONSEC CALLAGHAN ON NOVEMBER 15, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO LET LESSER OFFICIAL SUCH AS HATTERSLEY SEE MAKARIOS.

3. CHRISTOFIDES - PATSALIDES VISIT CARRIED BY LONDON TIMES NOV 11. FCO CONFIRMS ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN THAT STORY TO EFFECT THAT CHRISTOFIDES ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR MEETING TO DISCUSS BRITISH PAYMENT TO GOC (WHICH IS VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS DEBT FOR MILITARY USE OF LAND IN CYPRUS REPUBLIC BY CYPRIOTS AND AS ASSISTANCE UNDER AP-CONFIDENTIAL

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LITICAL SITUATION IN CYPRUS MAKES SUCH DISCUSSION INOP-
PORTUNE AT THIS TIME. CONSEQUENTLY FCO IS DESCRIBING
MEETING AS DISCUSSION OF GENERAL SITUATION IN CYPRUS.

4. FCO'S WESTON RULES OUT ANY NEW BRITISH MOVES IN CON-
NECTION WITH MAKARIOS OR CHRISTOFIDES MEETINGS, BEYOND
GENERAL BRITISH DESIRE TO URGE MODERATE COURSE ON THE
PARTIES WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN TRIPARTITE MEETING IN
ATHENS AFTER GREEK ELECTION.

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